

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
VALDOSTA DIVISION**

**TOM WALKER III,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**SUNTRUST BANK OF  
THOMASVILLE, GA, et al,**

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 7:07-cv-173 (HL)

**ORDER**

Before the Court is Plaintiff's motion to appoint counsel (Doc. 54). Civil litigants do not have an absolute constitutional right to the appointment of counsel. Poole v. Lambert, 819 F.2d 1025, 1028 (11th Cir. 1987). Instead, the appointment of counsel in a civil case is "a privilege that is justified only by exceptional circumstances, such as where the facts and legal issues are so novel or complex as to require the assistance of a trained practitioner." Id. (emphasis added). Here, there are not any exceptional circumstances that justify the appointment of counsel for Plaintiff. As a result, Plaintiff's motion to appoint counsel is denied.

**SO ORDERED**, this the \_\_28th\_\_ day of December, 2007

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s/Hugh Lawson

**HUGH LAWSON, Judge**

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